

****Minutes Subject to Approval at February Council Meeting****

Gaylord United Church of Christ
Annual Meeting
January 19, 2014

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the United Church of Christ Council was called to order by President Pauline Marlinski. Pastor Hank opened the meeting with a prayer.

Agenda Review: Motion was made by Diane Bias-Mosel and 2nd by Deb Meyer to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Quorum Count – 10% of membership – Quorum was met with 32 attendees

Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting –made available to read, were approved at April 2013 meeting.

Board & Committee Reports – some time was given to review reports. Questions can be asked later in the meeting, or after. Also Treasurer's report and slides from presentation will be available after the meeting.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Hank Campbell

Thanked those in attendance, also those not able to attend for hard work and support

Thanks to Cindy, Ewald, Ruby, musicians Sandy, Stacy and Sue.

Asked for prayers for Sabbatical trips. February Mission Trips are the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS and San Lucas Mission in Guatemala

February Pulpit Supply: Jodi Pfarr, Penny Entringer, Tim Berg

Penny Entringer is our emergency pastoral coverage – also Pastor Paul Kratzke would be willing to help.

MN Conference will be putting on vitality workshops and would like someone from our Congregation to be on the Vitality Team.

Pilgrim Point camp continues to be under analysis

Installation of Shari Prestemon, new Conference Minister, will be in February

Shared Ministry Team continues to be a benefit – consists of 4 members from each church – they are also the Pastor Relations Committee for their church.

Pauline presented Pastor Hank with a gift for 30 years of ordination: a plaque indicating Gaylord UCC will donate a PET in his honor.

President's Report: Pauline Marlinski

Pauline reviewed the Mission Statement of our church and highlighted all the accomplishments of the past year. She stated that in 2013 a lot of things got done and we are moving ahead on our goals.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Keithahn

We balanced the budget for 2013 – actually made about \$1200

OCWM and other gifts given by our congregation were 12.5% of our total revenue (which is VERY good)

We have received over \$14,000 in pledges for the audio-visual system

Phil talked about some of the funds that we have:

Trust Fund: approx. \$139,924 – we need to keep \$100,000 in the Trust Fund so have about \$40,000 for projects

Legacy Fund: started in 1995 with \$20,000, now has approx. \$95,000 Used for: generate income for ministries, activities, programs; maintain facilities; provide reinvestment

Old Business:

1. Use of parsonage sale funds: consensus of the congregation was to leave the approx. \$14,000 in operating funds
2. Audio Visual Update – Phil gave an overview of the system and costs. We will use the system every Sunday for hymns, scripture, announcements, slides, etc. We have the money now to go ahead with this. Phil looked at different vendors and got about the same bids.

New Business:

1. Approval of new officers, boards and committees: Need a Volunteer for the Archives Committee –Sandy Wentzloff volunteered. Motion was made by Jane Peterson, 2nd by Gail Estenson, to approve list of officers, boards and committees. Motion carried.
2. 2014 Budget Presentation and Discussion – Phil Keithahn
A balanced budget is anticipated
Pledges + Offerings = \$112,100 (similar to 2013)
We have in total fixed assets: \$300,000 + building worth
We will have more pulpit supply and mileage expenses because of the sabbatical
Budgeted \$5,000 for street assessment – will budget the same amount for the next 2 years for a total of \$15,000
2013 Total Revenue: \$121,960
Total Expenses: \$121,935.08
Motion was made by Chuck Klimmek, 2nd by Mark Pauly to approve 2014 Budget. Motion carried.
Phil indicated that if anyone sees anything after studying the budget, it can be brought to the Feb Council meeting.

Pauline presented slides summarizing 2013 activities and 2014 goals in the 4 areas of Ministry, Programs, Music and Projects, as well as the central core of Prayer.

CC&O Report: Kevin Thies

1. Valentine's Concert: February 15. Need people to donate favorite dessert
2. Teddy Bear Band – 4/26 "Beach Party" theme will invite community families, need help with decorating, advertising

PET Project: Howard Armstrong

Meeting at Armstrongs for welding: Kevin Thies, Ken Franke, Jeff Meyer – 6-8 man hours every week

New Ulm UCC in interested in working on the PET project

Pete Pinske made the wood pieces for 50 units

Phil presented the website and laptops and tablets were available for the congregation to have a hands-on experience. The site is at listen2god.org. Contact Phil, Beth, Pauline or Cindy if you have ideas for the website.

Phil asked the congregation for a consensus on moving forward with the AV system. The consensus was Yes!
Thanks to Phil for all his hard work on the website and AV system.

Motion was made by Chuck Klimmek and 2nd by Cindy Johnson to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

Beth Wilson
Council Secretary